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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LEE ET AL.

Examiner

TUYEN T. NGUYEN

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 15-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, line 5 there is no antecedent basis for “the output terminals.”

Regarding claim 4, applicant should clarify what is intended by “the insulation distance is a roundabout distance extending from the output terminal to the core in a roundabout manner.” Applicant should clarify the arrangement of the roundabout distance and the “roundabout manner.”

Regarding claim 20, applicant should clarify what is intended by “the insulation distance is a roundabout distance extending from the output terminal to the laminated E core in a roundabout manner.” Applicant should clarify the arrangement of the roundabout distance and the “roundabout manner.”

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1-7, 9, 15 and 18-20, as best understood in view of the rejections under 35 USC 112 second paragraph, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chapel [US 4,812,789].

Chapel discloses a high voltage transformer [figures 1-6] comprising:

- a magnetic core structure including laminated EI core elements [5, 6];
- magnetic shunts [16, 17];
- a low primary winding [7] wound about the core structure with winding ends connected to terminals [8, 9 or 80, 90]
- a high voltage secondary winding [10] wound about the core structure with winding end connected to output terminal [12];
- a heating winding [13] wound about the core structure with winding ends connected to terminals [14, 15];
- output terminal support [54, figure 7] formed of insulation material;
- at one insulation structure [41] having insulation members [35, 36, 37] disposed between the output terminal and the magnetic core, wherein the insulation members in the form of a plate, and additional insulation members [56, 57, 510] disposed between the secondary winding and the heating winding; and
- additional insulation structure [18] having insulation members [19, 20, 21].

Regarding claim 6, Chapel inherently discloses one the insulation members perpendicular to the winding direction of the windings.

Regarding claim 7, Chapel discloses at least one of the insulation members interposed between the terminal support and the core.

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Regarding claim 9, Chapel inherently discloses that at least one of the insulation member include a resin.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapel in view of Cho [US 5,973,307].

Chapel discloses the instant claimed invention except for the specific insulation structure and material.

Cho discloses high voltage transformer [figure 3] comprising:

- a magnetic core including laminated EI core elements [14b, 14a];
- a primary coil [11];
- a secondary coil [12];
- a heating coil [13];
- thin insulation structure [17, 17', 18, 18', 19, 19', 20, 20', 21, 21'] disposed between the coils and the core structure.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the thin insulation design of Cho in Chapel for the purpose of reducing size of the device.

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The specific paper use for the insulation structure would have been an obvious design consideration for the purpose of reducing cost and manufacturing.

Paper is a known insulation material for use in high voltage transformer.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUYEN T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-1996.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ELVIN ENAD can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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